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SERIAL NO. 09/816,398;
FILE DATE: 03/24/2001;
ART UNIT: 2133;
EXAMINER: DIPAKKUMAR GANDHI.

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Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of an Action dated 02/05/04 regarding the
Application.

Please note that New Dependent Claims numbered 19 - 21 are
added herein. In view of Cancellation of Original Dependent
Claim 18, this brings the total Number of Pending Claims to
Twenty (20), hence it is believed that no New Fees are required.

The Examiner has Rejected Claims 1-11 and 18, but Allowed
Claims 12-16 with indication that Claim 18 will be Allowed upon
correction of a spelling error. Herein Claim 18 is corrected
and Amended into Claim 17, thereby putting Claims 12 - 17 in
order for Allowance. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 are
also Amended to better distinguish over the the art cited by the
Examiner.

Attached hereto is a Declaration by the Inventors which the
Examiner is respectfully requested to study prior to proceeding.

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